

I have been a subscriber to a small ISP, Sonic.net, for well over a year.

Before I selected them as my ISP, I did extensive research on various providers, and looked at service quality, reliability, technical support, and last but not least, pricing. I found a wide variance in these qualities for the various ISPs I considered.

For consumer choice, and for the sake of competition, it is imperative that small ISPs not get shut out of the market through the control of large corporations like Bell South. I believe Bell South's petition will threaten to put small ISPs out of business, and in the end, reduce consumer choice and drive up prices.

PLEASE, do not let this happen. Act in the interests of the consumer, and deny this petition.

Thank you,

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